MINUTES

OF THE

Fifteenth Anniversary

OF THE

BAPTIST JUDSON ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

TOWN CREEK CHURCH,

LEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

On Friday Before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1867.

OFFICERS:

Elder WILLIAM HOOD, Moderator.

J. S. CAROTHERS, Clk. R. M. BORUM, Treas.

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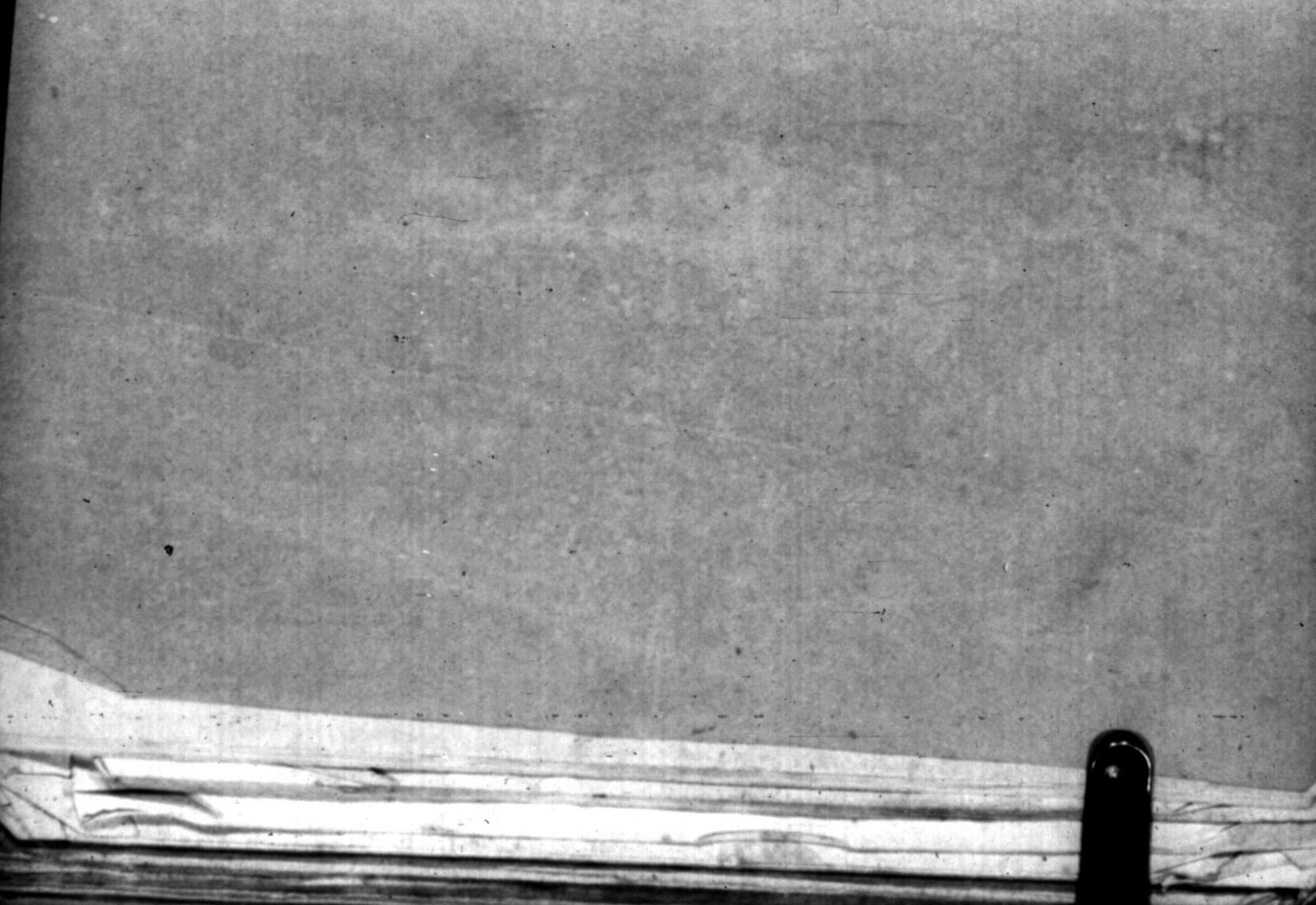

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OF THE

JUDSON ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST.

The Fifteenth Session of this Body was held with the Baptist Church of Christ at Town Creek, Lee county, Miss.; commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1867.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. E. B. McNeil, from 2d Corinthians, ii. and 16th the latter clause: "*Who is sufficient for these things.*"

The Association was then called to order by Elder W. J. Thomas, the former Moderator and proceeded to business:

1st. By calling for and reading the Letters from the different Churches, and enrolling the names of Messengers.

2d. Called for petitionary letters; when letters were received from New Prospect Church, Monroe county, and a newly constituted Church at Saltillo, Lee county, and their Delegates received—the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

3d. Organized by electing Eld. Wm. Hood, *Moderator*; Jno. S. Carothers, *Clerk*; and R. M. Borum, *Treasurer*.

4th. Appointed a committee on devotional exercises, to-wit: Brethren John H. Knott, R. M. Borum and G. C. Thomason, with the Deacons of Town Creek Church.

5th. On motion a Committee of Arrangements was appointed, to-wit: Elders E. Moore, W. C. Thomas and A. J. Forester, to report to-morrow morning.

6th. On motion Brethren R. M. Borum, J. M. Cook, John H. Knott and M. Pounds were appointed to lead in Vocal Music, with the privilege of inviting other assistance.

7th. The Committee on devotional exercises reported Eld. J. B. Grambrell to preach to-night; Eld. J. W. Randolph, to-morrow (Saturday) at 9 a. m.; Eld. A. W. Chambliss, at 11 a. m.; Eld. J. J. Andrews, at 3 p. m.

On motion adjourned to 8 a. m., to-morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 21st, 1867.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by Eld. A. J. Forester. After which proceeded to business:

1st. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. Report received, read and adopted.

2d. Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Abstract of Principles were read.

3d. Called for Correspondence: Eld. A. W. Chambliss, brethren J. G. Randall, J. S. Cobb were invited to seats as Messengers from Aberdeen Association; Elds. J. T. Pitts, J. Sn with brethren J. M. C. Tucker and E. Smyth, presenting a letter from the Chickasaw Association, were received and inv to seats as Messengers from that body. Eld. I. B. Gambr Chikasaw, and Eld. J. B. Smyth of the Cold Water Asso tion were invited to seats.

4th. Appointed brethren G. C. Thomason, M. Pounds John H. Knott, Committee on Finance.

5th. Appointed brethren B. Jackson, T. F. Gullett and W. C. Thomas, Committee on Documents.

6th. Called for reading of the Circular Letter—Bro. G. Johnson having been appointed to write, being absent, sick none was read.

7th. Elected as Executive Board, brethren B. Jackson, G. Thomason, J. M. Cook, R. M. Borum and M. Pounds.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and petitionary letter from Friendship Church, Monroe count Miss., was presented, read and adopted, and Messengers receive

8th. Appointed as Committee on Domestic Missions, Eld. C. Malone, brethren Geo. W. McWhorter and Wm. Mullins.

9th. Appointed as Committee on Foreign Missions, Elds. J. Forester, E. B. McNeil and E. Moore.

10th. Appointed Elds. J. J. Andrews and D. W. Andrew and brother Job. Springer, as Committee on Religious Instru tion of the blacks.

11th. Appointed Elds. J. W. Randolph and Jas. Trus and brother W. Bridges, as Committee on Sabbath Schools.

12th. Appointed Elder W. C. Thomas, brethren W. N Sanders and J. M. Cook, as Committee on Temperance.

13th. Appointed Elds. E. Moore, W. C. Thomas and Jame Truss, as Committee for devising the best means of introducing young gifts into the Ministry.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock, p. m.

During the intermission the congregation repaired to the Ar bor and were preached to by Elder A. W. Chambliss, from an intermediate clause of the 6th verse, 4th chap., of 1st Timothy: "*Thou shalt be a good minister of Jusus Christ.*

Evening Session.—Met pursuant to adjourntment.

1st. Appointed the following Messengers to go to the Aberdeen Association, which is to be holden with Aberdeen Church on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in Oct., 1867, to-wit: Elds.

Jas. Truss, J. J. Andrews, J. W. Randolph, W. Hood, A. L. Stovall, and brethren John H. Knott, G. C. Thomason, W. Estes, R. M. Borum, T. F. Gullett and John J. Long. Elder J. J. Andrews to write the Letter.

2d. Appointed the following brethren as Messengers to the Chickasaw Association, which meets on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in Sept., 1867, to-wit: Elders A. J. Forester, J. J. Andrews, E. B. McNeil, Wm. Hood, C. C. Malone, A. L. Stovall, R. Rice, J. W. Randolph, A. Roberson, and brethren W. Bridges, B. Jackson, A. Payne, John H. Knott and C. Ward. Elder A. J. Forester to write the Letter.

3d. Appointed the following Correspondents to Bear Creek Association, which meets at Cane Creek Church, Colbert county, Ala., on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in October, to-wit: Elds. A. L. Stovall, C. C. Malone and A. J. Forester. Elder C. C. Malone to write the Letter.

4th. Appointed the following Messengers to Tishomingo Association, which meets on Tuesday before the 2d Sabbath in September, 1868, to-wit: Elders E. B. McNeil, J. J. Andrews, W. J. Thomas, A. J. Forester and brethren J. Epting and Jno H. Knott. Eld. E. B. McNeil to write the Letter.

5th. Ordered that a correspondence be opened with the Baptist State Convention, which meets at Meridian, Miss., on —— day of May, 1868; and appointed as Messengers to go to the same, Elds. W. Hood, C. C. Malone, J. J. Andrews, A. L. Stovall, R. Rice, W. C. Thomas and Jas. Truss, and brethren Jno. H. Knott, H. Hood, J. J. Long and J. G. Mahon. Elder W. C. Thomas to write the Letter.

5th. Committee on Devotional Exercises report; Elder A. B. Smyth to preach to night, Elder J. B. Gambrell, to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a. m.; Eld. A. W. Chambliss, at 11 a. m.; Elder W. C. Thomas, at 3 p. m.; and Elder J. T. Pitts, at night.

7th. Appointed the next Session of this Body to be held with Camp Creek Church, Lee county, Miss., near Birmingham, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1868; Elder W. C. Thomas to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder D. W. Andrews, alternate.

Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

The brethren appointed to fill the stand on the Sabbath, came forward in order of their respective names and preached to a large and attentive congregation, we hope not without effect.

MONDAY MORNING, September 23d, 1867.

Met according to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder W. W. Albritton.

1st. On motion continued Bro. G. C. Johnson to write Circular Letter.

2d. CALLED FOR REPORTS.—I. Report of Committee on best mode of instructing black membership of the Churche this Association, read and adopted. (See report A.)

II. Report of Committee on Documents, read and adop (See report B.)

III. Report of Committee on Domestic Missions, read and motion was laid on the table.

IV. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions, read and motion laid on the table.

V. Report of Financial Committee, read and adopted. (S report C.)

VI. Report of Treasurer, read and adopted. (See report

VII. Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools, read a adopted. (See report E.)

VIII. Report of Executive Board, read and adopted. (S report F.)

IX. Report of Committee on Temperance, read and adopte (See report G.)

X. Report of Committee to devise the best means of bringi forward young gifts into the Ministry, read and adopted. (S report H.)

3d. CALLED FOR RESOLUTIONS.—I. Resolution to suppo "The Baptist," *appended:*

WHEREAS, Brothers J. R. Graves and Jones, are now pub lishing a denominational paper called "THE BAPTIST," a Memphis, Tenn., in which the grand distinctive principles of th Baptist people are clearly and emphatically taught; and,

WHEREAS, It is edited with distinguished ability, and contain as much or more interesting matter than any other Baptist pape in the United States; and deserves the liberal patronage of th Baptist denomination; therefore,

Resolved, That this Body earnestly and heartily recommend to the Churches and brethren composing the same, to give their patronage to the above named paper.

II. Resolution to amend Art. 1st of the Constitution, *subjoined*

WHEREAS, Serious difficulties have been experienced by the Judson Association in organizing at its annual meetings, growing out of failure upon the part of Churches to have their Letters present, according to Art. 1st of our Constitution, therefore

Be it Resolved, That said Art. 1st of the Constitution, shall be so amended as to read as follows: *This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the respective Churches in our Union, who, on producing Letters or other satisfactory evidence from their respective Churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.* Not to take effect until ratified by the Churches.

III. Resolution to raise Funds for Executive Board, *appended*.

WHEREAS, The Executive Board having been organized, and having no Funds with which to operate; it is therefore

Resolved, That every Pastor be requested to act as agents in their respective Churches, in getting up Funds for the Executive Board, and report the amount of their collection to the Board on the 2d Saturday in May, 1868, at Tupelo.

IV. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Body be hereby tendered to the brethren and other citizens in this neighborhood, for their hospitality in entertaining the Delegates during the present Session.

After some feeling and appropriate remarks by the Moderator, the Delegates joined in singing and extending the parting hand. The Association then adjourned to meet at Camp Creek Church, Lee county, Miss., near Birmingham, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1868. WM. HOOD, *Moderator*.

JNO. S. CARUTHERS, *Clerk*.

REPORTS.

REPORT A.

WE your Committee on the best mode of instructing the black membership of the Churches of this Association, beg leave to submit the following:

We think the time has come when they should be constituted into separate Churches, when there is a sufficient number to justify. And we recommend that where there are members who exhibit a gift for preaching, and are sound in doctrine, and apt to teach, and of practical piety, they should be ordained to the Ministry. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES J. ANDREWS, *Chairman*.

REPORT B.

YOUR Committee on Documents would submit the following reports of 1st and 2d Districts, and request that you take into favorable consideration the merits and claims of the following religious papers: "THE BAPTIST," published at Memphis, Tenn.; edited by Brothers J. R. Graves & Jones; "THE BAPTIST MESSENGER," published by Bro. T. Whitfield, Jackson, Mississippi," and "THE CHRISTIAN HERALD," published by Shackelford & Cates, at Tuscumbia, Ala., and urge the brethren to subscribe for them.

The Union Meeting of the 1st District will be held with the Baptist Church at Centerhill, Lee county, Miss., on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1868. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Eld. R. Rice; Eld. Wm. Hood, alternate.

BRETHREN TO WRITE ESSAYS IN FIRST DISTRICT.

1st. On the duties of parents to their children—Elder A. W Sandlin.

2d. Duty of Deacons—Elder A. Roberson.

3d. Election and predestination as taught by the Apostles Elder R. Rice.

4th. Duties of Pastors to Churches—Eld J. M. Herring.

5th. Sabbath Schools—Elder Wm. Hood.

6th. Final perseverance of the Saints—Eld W. C. Thomas.

7th. Power of Faith—Elder J. W. Randolph.

The 24 District Meeting will be held with Zion Church, nea Chesterville, Lee county, Miss., on Thursday before the 4th Sab bath in August, 1868. Elder A. J. Forester, to preach the In troductory Sermon, and Elder J. J. Andrews, alternate.

BRETHREN TO WRITE ESSAYS IN SECOND DISTRICT

1st. Importance of consecrated Ministry—Eld A. J. Forester

2d. Repentance: What is its nature?—Eld. Wm. Fuqua.

3d. On the evils resulting from christians conforming to the world in dress, including the wearing of jewelry—John S Carothers.

4th. How to bring more ministerial aid into the field—Thos A. Sullivan.

5th. The impropriety of members of the Church engaging in worldly amusements—R. O. Bean.

5th. On taking the name of God in vain—Eld. W. W. Albritton

7th. Impropriety of church members neglecting to attend Con ference—B. Jackson.

8th. Apostacy—Elder A. L. Stovall.

9th. The duty of parents and children to each other—Elder W. J. Thomas.

10th. What is Scriptural Baptism?—Elder S. Bryant.

11th. Are the sins of the christians imputed to them?—Elder C. C. Malone.

12th. What does our Lord teach in 1st John, vi. chap., 53rd verse? "*Except ye eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*"—J. N. Davis.

13th. The power of Satan—G. W. McWhorter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT C.

We your Committee on Finance report the following:

The amount received from Churches for printing Minutes, $70.25

By amount paid over to Treasurer, 70.25

G. C. THOMASON, *Chairman.*

REPORT D.

Treasurers Report.—1867.—R. M. Borum,	Dr.	Cr.
To Judson Association for last year,	$53,90	
To Judson Association for 1867,	70,25	
	$123,15	
By amount for Minutes last year,	53,90	53,90
Cash on hand,	$70,25	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. BORUM, *Treasurer.*

REPORT E.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, report: That in our best judgement, the most expedient means to be employed for the efficiency, promotion and stability of Sabbath Schools, is for the most experienced members of the Church to engage in the work as teachers, with full purpose of heart to encourage the young by precept and example, to be punctual in attendance. And, if possible, to procure the best Bible Question Books, withholding no means in their power from the religious instruction and moral training of the young, whereby their minds might be instilled with the most beneficial and lasting results. We would urge upon the Churches the immediate necessity of organizing and establishing Sabbath Schools to train up the young in the way they should go, that when they grow old they will not depart.

Respectfully submitted. JAS. TRUSS, *Chairman.*

REPORT F.

We, your Executive Board, appointed at your last Annual Session, report that prior to our organization our esteemed brother, Elder C. C. Malone, expressed a desire to some of the members of the Board to ride as Missionary; and, notwithstanding the Board had not organized and was not authorized, or, could not make a legal contract; brother Malone took the field, and as the result of his labors reports that he has traveled 1,293 miles, preached 101 sermons and 9 exhortations, delivered 3 lectures, constituted 2 Churches, and assisted in the ordination of 2 Deacons. He collected by private contribution $82,60, and by subscription, payable at the end of the year, $253,00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MERRIMAN POUNDS, *Chairman.*

REPORT G.

We, your Committee on Temperance, report that we deem it important to keep an article before the readers of our Minutes, that it be made known that the cause of Temperance lies near our hearts; that we are its firm advocates and supporter. And,

furthermore, that we notice a great disposition for reform and improvement among the youths within our bounds; being far more temperate than they were a few years ago.

Respectfully submitted. JAS. M. COOK, *Chairman.*

REPORT II.

Your Committee to devise the best means of bringing gifts into the ministry, report that we believe the call to this great work is directly from God; still this does not relieve the Church from any obligation to look around and encourage the promising gifts into the work.

We find there is a great destitution; old Ministers are wearing down in the work and few young ones are coming forward. We would therefore remind the brethren of our great duty to pray God of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the harvest, for the work is great. We recommend regular prayer-meetings, that brethren there may have a free opportunity to exercise their gifts, that it may develop itself and be proven.

And furthermore: that our ministering brethren preach freely upon this subject, so as to encourage young promising gifts forward into the great work, and that all our membership, when they discover the buddings of a good gift in our midst, that they encourage them by gentle words and kind actions toward them, and at all of their appointments, favor them by our presence. For the same spirit that calls a child of God, moves upon the Church to set him onward.

Respectfully submitted. W. C. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN.

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Bogue Fala.....	Mooresvi
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Camp Creek. .	Guntown.
Friendship	Guntown.
Friendship...	Guntown.
Fellowship....	Saltillo. .
Guntown.....	Guntown. .
Hopewell. ...	Richmond
Liberty.....	Bigby For
Macedonia	Tupelo.....
Montpelier Cr'k	Fult n....
Mt. Gilead	Wallerville
New Prospect	Ellistown..
New Prospect	Aberdeen .
Oak Hill.....	Pontotoc...
Pilgrim's Rest	Tupelo.....
Poplar Spring	Cherry Cre
Pleasant Valley	Chesterville
Richmond	Richmond. .
Saltillo.....	Saltillo....
Shiloh	Ozark .....
Town Creek..	Shannon....
Tupelo	Tupelo.....
Unity.....	Guntown. ...
Uclatubba	Saltillo.....
Zion.	Verona .....

Ordained Ministers marked

STATITSCAL TABLE FOR 1867.

POST OFFICE	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Days of Meeting	No. Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismiss'd by Let.	Died	Males	Females	Total	Minute Fund
Mooresville	Lee	J W Randolph	Jas Tate,* A W San[illegible]	3	29	8	2	13	3		48	67	115	3.00
Verona	Lee	J W Randolph	J W Randolph,* H Ho[illegible]	4	1	16	..	4			0	56	88	3.33
Burtown	Lee	O D Russell	J Epting, J G Mallon	4	3	10	..	19	3		43	77	125	4.00
untown	Lee	J M Herring	F M Stovall, A Boren,	3	00	2	..	8	2		24	65	89	2.00
altillo	Monroe	J Richards	M McBride, J C Ra[illegible]	1	00	00	..	..	..		4	6	10	1.00
antown	Lee	J M Herring	W Ballan, L W T[illegible]	4	6	8	..	..	..		13	15	28	0
chmond	Lee	C D Russell	J H K[illegible], J S Caro[illegible]	1	8	12	1	9	..		23	57	80	
gby Fork	Lee	W C Thomas	W C Thomas,* R M F[illegible]	4	28	2	..	14	1		69	69	147	1.00
pelo	Lee	D W Andrews	D W Andrews,* J C[illegible]	4	6	00	2	6	..		6	14	54	
lton	Itawamba	J J Andrews	J J La[illegible], J M Johnso[illegible]	1	..	3	..	..	..		..	..	23	
allerville	Pontotoc	J J Andrews	J M Cox, B W Ratcliff[illegible]	3	11	7	..	5	..		..	..	101	3.00
istown	Lee	A J Forester	R K Das[illegible], J F Reid,	3	3	10	1	..	..		26	64	90	
erdeen	Monroe	A L Stovall	W Pan[illegible], G W Me[illegible]	1	10	10	..	12	3		24	58	82	3.00
ntotoc	Pontotoc	J Richards	J L[illegible], W Murff,	1	22	7	6	3	1		59	82	141	4.00
pelo	Lee	J T Pitts	E H McNeil,* A Payne[illegible]	3	12	2	1	8	1		39	75	117	4.00
rry Creek	Pontotoc	A L Stovall	A L Stovall,*[illegible] A J F[illegible]	3	9	16	..	..	1		42	67	118	5.00
sterville	Lee	I Smyth	J W Caldwell,[illegible] J W St[illegible]	4	1	00	..	13	4		30	51	84	2.00
mond	Lee	C C Malone	E Nace,*[illegible] C C Malon[illegible]	4	5	11	1	10	..		18	53	102	4.00
llo	Lee	W C Thomas	John Springer, J. H. Br[illegible]	1	6	1	1	..	..		23	42	83	3.00
k	Itawamba	R Rice	E D McCully, J M H[illegible]	2	00	22	..	..	..		8	14	22	2.00
anon	Lee	Wm Hood	No Letter	0	00	00	..	..	..		..	..	..	
elo	Lee	A L Stovall	Wm Hood,* Wm Mull[illegible]	4	..	3	..	2	..		21	29	50	3.00
own	Lee	J M Herring	S Bonar,*[illegible] B Jackson,	2	..	23	1	4	..		19	40	70	3.00
lo	Lee	J J Andrews	J M Herring,*[illegible] W J V[illegible]	1	16	1	1	8	..		28	30	58	2.00
na	Pontotoc	J J Andrews	J J Andrews,* W J T[illegible]	4	8	13	..	24	4		22	40	69	2.00
		J J Andrews	G C Johnson,*[illegible] J E T[illegible]	4	18	8	2	3	..		22	37	81	1.00
					204	195	18	164	28	30	641	1112	2107	70.00

Marked thus: (*) Licentiate Ministers thus: (†) Absentees thus: (‖)

T M Pounds,.....
T F Gullett,.....
T A Sullivan,.....
M Bailly,‖.....
H Robertson,†.....
J R Bristow,.....
rum, J B W Lile
ling, J A Andrws,
H. Ellison,‖.....
G A Hancock....
W J Davis,‖.....
horter, W Briges,
H Ware,‖.....
H J Cox,‖.....
ster,*‖ R O Isene,
th, W W Albriton,†
W C Ward,.....
t, J. M. Armstrong
lerson, W S Burge
W N Sanders.....
C Thomason.....
odall, B F Hodges,
mas,* L M Coburne
tle,‖ G A P Johnson,

SSENGERS.

M Pounds,
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T A Sullivan,
Bally,
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